
SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, April 8, 2021

TIME: 2:30 PM

PLACE: Virtual Meeting via WebEx

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [351](#)

BY Pearson, DiPalma, Seveney, Rogers

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC828/1} (Requires department of elementary and secondary education to include amount of state and local share of education funding calculated for each local agency receiving state aid, requires cities and towns to appropriate sufficient funds to meet their share.)

02/25/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

04/01/2021 Committee transferred to Senate Finance

04/02/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [366](#)

BY Quezada, Pearson, DiPalma, Seveney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - STATE AID {LC834/1} (Amends the computation of relative wealth of municipalities for the purpose of distributing state aid by eliminating the requirement that certain exemptions include tax treaties that are conditioned on being in force on May 15, 2005.)

02/25/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

04/02/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [373](#)

BY Pearson, DiPalma, Seveney, Gallo, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION {LC830/1} (Amends the local share of education funding to be paid to charter public schools based on a comparison of performance data between the specific school from which the student is coming and the specific charter school that will be receiving the student.)

02/25/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

04/02/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [45](#)

BY Pearson, Cano, Gallo, Murray, Valverde, Archambault, DiMario, Anderson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STAY INVESTED IN RI WAVEMAKER FELLOWSHIP {LC820/1} (Expand the Wavemaker Fellowship Program to include public school teachers in the high-need fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.)

01/19/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

04/02/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [222](#)

BY Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF {LC1243/1} (Allows annual regionalization bonus at 2% of state's share of foundation education and formula by removing sunset provision.)

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

04/02/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Resolution No. [292](#)

BY Quezada, Cano, Goldin, Mack, Bell, Acosta, Mendes

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$100,000 TO YEAR UP PROVIDENCE {LC1303/1}

02/18/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

04/02/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [300](#)

BY Pearson, Valverde, Seveney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - STAY INVESTED IN RI WAVEMAKER FELLOWSHIP {LC818/1} (Repeals the provisions of the Stay Invested in RI Wavemaker Fellowship, and establish the Stay Invested in RI Tax Credit to provide eligible taxpayers with a tax credit for educational loan repayment expenses.)

02/18/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

04/02/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [359](#)

BY Pearson, Cano, Euer, Valverde, Murray, Seveney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX {LC821/1} (Allows a deduction from federal adjusted gross income for interest payments on outstanding student loans.)

02/25/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

04/02/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Resolution No. [377](#)

BY Quezada, Mack, Bell

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR FUNDING OF A NONPROFIT AGENCY, INSPIRING MINDS, INC., TO BENEFIT PROVIDENCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS {LC1308/1} (Allocates fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) from the general fund to the nonprofit agency Inspiring Minds, Inc., to train volunteers to provide personalized attention to Providence elementary school students.)

02/25/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

04/02/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [574](#)

BY Pearson, Cano, Lawson, Gallo, DiPalma, Quezada, Murray, Seveney, Valverde ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT FUND {LC2328/1} (Provides for a one-time appropriation of \$1,000,000 and an annual appropriation thereafter to Rhode Island College providing to teachers at no costs to them certification and educational programs who teach students who don't speak English.)

03/11/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

04/02/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [577](#)

BY Cano, DiMario, Quezada, Calkin, Anderson, Murray, Pearson, Miller, Euer, DiPalma ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION {LC2355/1} (Provides two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to support comprehensive and effective afterschool, summer learning and workforce development programs for students in grades kindergarten through twelve (K-12).)

03/11/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

04/02/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [582](#)

BY Euer, Murray, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION – FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT [SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT] {LC2357/1} (Provides districts with free and reduced lunch populations above 20% have their minimum housing aid share increased to 40% for projects completed after July 1, 2020 and school housing aid ratio increased to 5% if completed by December 30, 2027.)

03/11/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

04/02/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [585](#)

BY Raptakis, Rogers, Archambault, Paolino, Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT {LC2046/1} (Provides that in determining local school aid, the state would annually provide each community no less than an amount equal to the aid given in the preceding fiscal year.)

03/11/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

04/02/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [587](#)

BY Pearson, Seveney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT--LOCAL EDUCATION AID READJUSTING NEEDS AMENDMENT ("LEARN" AMENDMENT) {LC2270/1} (Readjusts local aid to charter public schools that received relief from the PPP fund.)

03/11/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

04/02/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

The State House continues to be closed to the public at this time.

This meeting will be streamed live online through Capitol TV

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TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

Written testimony is encouraged and can be submitted to the committee by emailing it to:

jplume@rilegislature.gov

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 2:00 PM on Thursday, April 8, 2021, in order for it to be provided to the members of the committee at the hearing and to be included in the meeting records.

Members of the public can request to provide verbal testimony to the committee through the following link: [VERBAL TESTIMONY](#)

***Requests to provide verbal testimony must be submitted by 4:00 PM on Wednesday, April 7, 2021.**

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